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COIR INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a): whether the Union Government proposes to provide special export assistance to coir industry particularly to promote geo- textiles export to Europe;

(b): if so, the details thereof;

(c): whether any of the State Governments has submitted any representation to the Union Government seeking Central assistance for the coir industry in their respective States particularly Kerala; and

(d): if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES & AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD)

(a)&(b): With the objective of promoting export of coir products, including geotextiles, the Government extends assistance for various activities like participation in exhibitions abroad, conduct of study of the export markets, sponsoring trade delegations abroad, release of product specific advertisements in foreign trade magazines, etc.

(c)&(d): The Government of Kerala had sent a request for higher allocation of funds under the Mahila Coir Yojana and Market Development Assistance Scheme. Accordingly, an additional provision of Rs. 12.5 crore has been proposed in the Revised Estimates for 2005-06.